

§ 96.16 Licensed chemists; suspension or revocation of license.

The Director may, without a hearing, suspend or revoke the license issued to a licensed chemist upon written request and a satisfactory statement of reasons submitted by such licensed chemist. Pending final action by the Secretary, the Director may, whenever such action is deemed necessary, suspend or revoke the license of any licensed chemist when such licensed chemist:

- (a) Has ceased to perform services as such chemist;
- (b) Has knowingly or carelessly analyzed cottonseed improperly;
- (c) Has violated or evaded any provision of the Act or the regulations so far as they relate to the licensee;
- (d) Has used the license or allowed it to be used for any fraudulent or improper purposes; or
- (e) Has in any manner become incompetent or incapacitated to perform the duties of a licensed chemist.

In such cases the Director shall give written notice of the suspension or revocation to the licensed chemist, accompanied by a statement of the reasons therefor. Within 10 days after the receipt of the aforesaid notice and statement of reasons by such licensee, the individual may file an appeal, in writing, with the Secretary, supported by any argument or evidence that the licensee may wish to offer, as to why the license should not be suspended or revoked. After the expiration of the aforesaid 10-day period and consideration of such argument and evidence, the Secretary will take such action as is deemed appropriate with respect to such suspension or revocation. When no appeal is filed within the prescribed 10 days, the license shall be automatically suspended or revoked.

§ 96.17 Revoked license to be returned to Division.

If a license issued to a licensed chemist is revoked, such license shall be returned to the Division.

§ 96.18 Duplicate license.

Upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of a license issued to a licensed chemist, a duplicate thereof

may be issued under the same or a new number.

§ 96.19 Information on grading to be kept confidential.

Every person licensed under the Act as a licensed chemist shall keep confidential all information secured by the licensee, relative to cottonseed analyzed and graded by the licensee. The licensee shall not disclose such information to any person, except to the owner or custodian of the seed in question, or to an authorized agent of the Department.

FEES AND CHARGES

§ 96.20 Fee for chemist's license.

(a) The fee for the examination of an applicant for a license as a chemist to analyze and certify the grade of cottonseed shall be \$1,166.00.

(b) The examination fee shall be paid at the time the application is filed or at a time prior to the administration of the examinations. This fee shall be paid regardless of the outcome of the licensing examinations. The examination fee shall be nonrefundable to the applicant; however, in the event of death of the applicant prior to the examination, full payment of the fee may be returned to the applicant's beneficiary. If an application is filed with an insufficient fee, the application and fee submitted will be returned to the applicant.

(c) For each renewal of a chemist's license, the fee shall be \$292.00.

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§ 96.21 Fee for certificates to be paid by licensee to Service.

(a) To cover the cost of administering the regulations in this part, each licensed cottonseed chemist shall pay to the Service \$3.18 for each certificate of the grade of cottonseed issued by the licensee.

(b) Upon receipt of a statement from the Service each month, showing the number of certificates issued by the licensee, such licensee will forward the appropriate remittance in the form of a check, draft, or money order payable to